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The following VERY EXTRAORDINARY Pieces, Publish'd in a SUPPLEMENT to Messieurs BRADFORD's Pennsylvania Journal, will show the Readers what Sort of a Man JOHN HUGHES is, and Others of his Stamp.

Messrs. W. and T. Bradford,

The following Copies of Letters lately received from London, being very interesting to the Public, we beg the Favour, that they may be made public through your free and impartial Paper, which will oblige no small Number of your Readers.

A Letter from John Hughes, Esq; to the Commissioners of the Stamp-Office in London.

Philadelphia, October 12, 1765.

GENTLEMEN,

HAVING been confined to my Bed 25 Days past, with a violent Disorder, that was expected would have proved mortal, but thank GOD am now able to sit up in Bed, I shall attempt to give you a Sketch of not only my own Conduct, but also that of the Presbyterians and Proprietary Party here, relative to the Stamp-Office.

In May last I received Information, by a Letter from Dr. Franklin, that he had recommended me for Chief Distributor of Stamps in this Province, and thus the Matter rested until some Gentlemen to the Eastward received their Commissions; whereupon Mobs arose in several of the Eastern Provinces, and the Officers were obliged to resign. But as a Prelude to the Destruction and Disorder made by those Mobs, the Printers in each Colony, almost without Exception, stuffed their Papers Weekly for some Time before with the most inflammatory Pieces they could procure, and excluded every Thing that tended to cool the Minds of the People, these Measures they pursued until the Presbyterians in particular in every Colony began to threaten the Stamp-Officers. And those Gentry in this Province, about the Beginning of September, began to be very Noisy, and some of them said I ought to resign, I gave them for Answer, I had as yet no Commission, and therefore could not resign what I had not. However about the Middle of September it was reported that the Stamps would arrive in Captain Friend, who was then expected, and these riotous Gentry began to threaten they would destroy the Stamps as soon as they arrived. I therefore being desirous, as far as in me lay, to preserve the Stamps, wrote, on the 17th, the Letter (N^o. 1) to his Honour the Governor, but received no Answer, and as the Stamps did not arrive in Captain Friend, Matters rested until October 2^d, when I received the Paper (N^o. 2) being a Note from Captain William Dowel, a Tool of the Party, and therefore I wrote my Answer (N^o. 3) to Mr. Dickenson, the Owner of the Ship, and on the next Day I wrote my Letter (N^o. 4) to his Honour the Governor, but received no Answer, and here Matters rested until Saturday the 5th of October, when I received Information that the Ship with the Stamps was to come up to Town that Day, and that a Mob would be collected by beating muffled Drums through the Streets, and ringing the State-House and Church Bells muffled, which was accordingly done all the Afternoon, but at Two o'Clock the Post arrived with the Mail and Packet, and among other Things my Commission, this the Party ventured to allege, because there was a large Packet for me: Accordingly the Mob collected, chiefly Presbyterians and Proprietary Emisaries, with the Chief Justice's, Mr. William Allen's Son at their Head, animating and encouraging the Lower Class.

About 3 o'Clock the following Persons, viz. James Tilghman, Esq; Attorney at Law, Messrs. Robert Morris, Charles Thompson, Archibald McCall, John Cox, and William Richards, Merchants, and Mr. William Bradford, Printer, came to me on a Deputation from a great Number collected at the State-House, to request my Resignation. I answered, It is true I now have my Commission, but as two Gentlemen are bound for my Perfor-

mance in the Sum of £. 5000, I could not resign unless they would indemnify my Bail. Altercations on this Head took up near an Hour (LOW as I was) and at last they said, all that was expected of me was, that I would not put the Act in Execution in this Province, until his Majesty's further Pleasure was known, or until the Act should be put in Execution in the neighbouring Colonies; to this I thought proper to signify some Disposition to comply, BECAUSE I had many Informations by my Friends, that the Mob intended to proceed to the last Extremities if I did not resign: Upon this the Deputation withdrew to consult their Associates, and at 6 o'Clock I received the Paper (N^o. 5) being a peremptory Demand. Thus the Matter rested until Sunday Morning, when having recovered my Spirits a little from the Fatigue of that long Altercation aforesaid, I looked over the Paper, and found it more positive than what had been mentioned the Day before, and therefore sent for Mr. Charles Thompson, one of the Deputation, and asked him if they were sincere the Day before, or whether they came to Wire draw what they could first, and then force the Rest, because I observed the Paper sent me, did not agree with the Proposition made to me, he said he was sincere, and could only answer for himself. I replied, Well Gentlemen, you must look to yourselves, for this is a high Affair; he made Answer thus, I do not know, but hope it will not be deemed Rebellion. Indeed, Sir, I KNOW NO OTHER NAME FOR IT. —Well, says he, I know not how it may end, for we have not yet determined whether we will ever suffer the Act to take Place here or not, and took his Leave. On Monday Morning, at 10 o'Clock the whole Deputation came, and I offered them the Paper (N^o. 6) and after some Consultation among themselves, they objected to their Names being inserted: I said, Why sure, Gentlemen, you have not done a Thing you are ashamed to own. Not in the least they said, but there was no Necessity for their Names being inserted, nor would they receive that Resignation, whereupon I said to Mr. Tilghman, Come Sir, take the Pen and please yourself, for I see you are determined to be arbitrary; he then took the Pen and formed the Paper (N^o. 7) and when it was transcribing, I asked them what they intended to do with the Stamps, as they had assumed the supreme Power in the Province. They then looked at one another for a while, and seemed somewhat confounded, but at last Mr. Tilghman replied, We did not come prepared to speak to that Head; then another replied, Let Mr. Hughes take Care of them, I answered, Gentlemen, that cannot be, as you have now fixed Matters, for was I to take the Stamps into my Care, I should have your Party come about my House and pull it down, and destroy both me and them. Well, says another, let the Governor take Care of them. Another then said, Perhaps, the Governor will call upon Mr. Hughes to put the Act in Execution; and when he declines, the Governor perhaps will appoint an Officer, and the Act may take Place. —Here a general Pause ensued, but at last one and all cried out, Let us see who will dare put the Act in Execution upon the Governor's Appointment, we will take Care of that. By this Time the Paper (N^o. 7) was transcribed, and after I had signed it they went away to proclaim it to their Friends, and the next Day I wrote the Letter (N^o. 8) to the Governor, and received the underwritten verbal Answer by my Son.

My Health at this Time will not permit me to be more copious on this very extraordinary Transaction, what I have said is sufficient to inform you, Gentlemen, and the Lords Commissioners, that, UNLESS MY HANDS ARE STRENGTHENED it will never be in my Power to put the Act in Execution.

Perhaps their Lordships and you, Gentlemen, may expect that the Governor will exert himself on the Occasion, and strengthen my Hands, but this will not happen, for on the Day that the Mob were collecting, and after the Drums began to beat, I am informed his Honour left the City, and presently after the Attorney General, who is Recorder of the City left it also; whether the Mayor and Chief Justice were out of the City I cannot say, but this is certain, that no one Magistrate or

public Officer appeared abroad the whole Day to discourage the Mob, or to give the least Aid or Protection. All therefore that I shall add on this Head, is, THAT IF EVER MY HANDS ARE STRENGTHENED SO AS IT WILL BE IN MY POWER TO DO MY DUTY AS CHIEF DISTRIBUTOR OF THE STAMPS, I SHALL NOT FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE DUTIES OF MY OFFICE IN THE STRICTEST MANNER, and this I hope will sufficiently save my Securities in their Lordships and your Opinions, as it is now out of my Power to discharge my Duty until the Face of Affairs are changed.

In Paper (N^o. 7) you will observe the three Counties upon Delaware included in my Resignation; the Reason of which was, that on Sunday the 6th of October, a Friend of mine privately sent up a little Boy to inform me, that he had reason to believe a Mob was uniting in those Counties, and would soon be up at Philadelphia; this I knew would raise a second Mob here, and therefore I did that to prevent it, and it has had the desired Effect.

I am now to acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter from the Secretary of the Stamp-Office, and also a Bill of Lading for 3 Cases and 7 Packs of Stamps for this Province, exclusive of those for New-Jersey and Maryland; but there is neither Invoice nor Bill of Parcels, nor any Account of the Prices the Stamped Paper or Parchment is to be sold at. I have seen a printed Paper, said to be the Prices of the Stamps, &c. but as the Bill of Lading makes me liable to the Freight, I should be glad to know whether the Freight is included in those printed Papers, or not. If I had received the Stamps, I should have been at a Loss on the First of November how to proceed; but as Things now stand, there is Time for my being fully informed, and especially with respect to the Invoice, or Bills of Parcels, without which it is impossible for me to know what I am charged with at the Stamp-Office, and how far the Goods received agree with the Charge.

I am further to inform you, that I received in the Packet sent me by your Secretary, a Bond, which in his Letter he directed I should execute before the Governor, or some other Person of Note, and send it back to the Stamp-Office by the first Conveyance; which I should have punctually complied with had I been in Health, and had not our over-ruling Gentry, the Mob, thought fit to direct otherwise. However, I have the Bond in my Custody, and whenever there is a Prospect OF CARRYING THE ACT INTO EXECUTION, I shall not fail to execute the Bond, and transmit it to the Stamp-Office by the first Opportunity, and also DO EVERY THING IN MY POWER, faithfully to discharge my Duty.

I am further to inform you, Gentlemen, that I am extremely obnoxious to the Governor and Men in Power, and that for no other Reason, than that I have constantly, while I have been in the Assembly, endeavoured to promote the King's Interest, and given Opposition to some favourite Schemes that tended to retard his Majesty's Service.

I am also unfortunate enough to be particularly hateful to the Chief Justice, because I have charged him in the House of Assembly with being a Rebel, upon his saying, that "if-ever the Government was changed, we should find the King's little Finger heavier than the Proprietor's Loins." This Declaration he made in the House of Assembly more than once, and I as often alledged, that his Allegation tended to alienate the Affection of the Subject from the King, and therefore was Treason, and that none but a Rebel would be guilty of it. I also am particularly hateful to the Proprietary Party, BECAUSE it was MY INTEREST, ASSIDUITY AND INFLUENCE in the House of Assembly, that enabled the Province to send home Dr. Franklin to present our Petitions for a Change of Government from Proprietary to Royal, which I hope is effected by this Time.

Since Writing the above, I am informed that Benjamin Shoemaker, Esq; who is one of the People called Quakers, and also an Alderman of this City, met with the Drummers as they were alarming the City, and took them to Task, re-

quiring to know by what Authority they were Endeavouring to raise a Mob? They answered, if he would go to the State-House, he might know. He then asked who ordered them to beat about the Streets? They said they had their Orders from the Coffee-House. [N. B. Kept by the beforementioned Mr. Bradford.] Mr. Shoemaker then forbid them to proceed any further, and said he would go immediately to the Mayor and have them Committed; they answered, they could get the Mayor's Orders when they pleased. But Mr. Shoemaker could not find the Mayor, nor any Officer to assist him, and therefore was obliged to desist, lest he should draw the Mob upon himself and Family, and so have his House pulled down.

If *some Rule and Order* does not take Place in America, I am very sure that every Person who has been named to the Stamp-Office must leave North-America shortly, or they and their Families and Fortunes will fall a Sacrifice to the DELUDED POPULACE.

COMMON JUSTICE CALLS UPON ME TO SAY, THE BODY OF PEOPLE CALLED QUAKERS, SEEMED DISPOSED TO PAY OBEDIENCE TO THE STAMP ACT, and to do that Part of the Church of England and Baptists that are not *some Way* under Proprietary Influence. But Presbyterians and Proprietary Ministers spare no Pains to engage the DUTCH and LOWER CLASS of People, and render the Royal Government odious, but at the same Time profess great Loyalty to the best of Kings, and yet insinuate, that his immediate Government is intolerable. If his Majesty and his Ministers knew the Pains taken by the Proprietary Partizans, to give a wrong Bias to the Minds of his Majesty's Subjects, I am confident they would not suffer the Powers of Government to remain Six Months in the Hands of any Proprietor on the Continent. Neither ought the Powers of Government to be lodged in any private Person, it being Disadvantageous to both his Majesty and Subjects.

I shall conclude with the following Observation, viz. That if Great Britain can or will suffer SUCH KIND OF CONDUCT IN HER COLONISTS TO PASS UNPUNISHED, a Man need not be a Prophet, nor the Son of a Prophet, to see clearly, that *her Empire in North-America is at an End*, for I dare say these *Mobbin, Gentry* will immediately proceed to other Extravagancies, as they will then begin to think their united Power irresistible.

That God of his infinite Goodness may direct the Councils and Measures of his Majesty and his Ministers, to that which may be best for Great-Britain and North-America, is, and shall be the constant Prayer of,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient,

And most humble Servant,

JOHN HUGHES.

(No. 1.) Philadelphia, Sept. 17, 1765.

"As great Riots and Disturbances has happened in some of the Neighbouring Colonies, occasioned by a dislike the People have to the Stamp Act, and it being reported that the Stamped Papers, &c. for the Province, may be expected in a little Time, and as his Majesty's Revenue is deeply interested in the Preservation thereof, I think it my Duty to acquaint you, that notwithstanding of any Reports spread of my being named the Officer for this Province, that I have not received either Bond, Commission, nor any other Information whatever, of my Appointment from the Stamp Office or the Lords of the Treasury, and therefore I can have no Pretension whatever to take Charge of the Papers, should they Arrive. This Information I have thought necessary to give you, that you may take such Measures in the Premises, as you shall think consistent with your Duty and Judgment."

To the Honourable } I am, Sir,
JOHN PENN, Esq; } Your most obedient,
Lieut. Governor } Humble Servant,
of Pennsylvania. } JOHN HUGHES.

SIR, (No. 2.)

"Mr. Dickenson is in Town, from London, and the Ship Charlotte is at New-Castle, and do not chuse to bring her up, till you give Orders about the Stamp-Papers, as she is a valuable Ship."

WILLIAM DOWELL.

I pray send an Answer per Bearer.

To Mr. John Hughes.

Philadelphia, 5 o'Clock, 2 Oct. 1765.

Mr. Dickenson,

(No. 3.) "I received your kind Notice by Mr. Bradford, and for Answer am to inform you, that I have not received from the Lords of the Treasury, nor from any other Person appointed by his Majesty, any Commission or Public Infor-

mation of my being the Stamp-Officer for the Province of Pennsylvania; and therefore cannot pretend to any Right to take Charge of these Papers, nor should I, were they now at the Wharf. The Governor is the Officer of the Crown, whose Duty it is to preserve and secure those Papers, to him I refer you for Directions how to proceed in the Premises; and I make no Doubt but his Honour the Governor will take Care to see that the Papers are landed in a Place of Security, and there kept safe until some Person, properly Commissioned, shall appear to demand them.

Signed by Order of my Father,

To Mr. Dickenson. Copy } JOHN HUGHES, junr.
of a Letter sent by Mr. }
Bradford's Son.

SIR, (No. 4.)

"I inclose you a Letter I received last Evening from Mr. William Dowell, by which I understand, that the Stamped Papers are arrived at New-Castle, in the Ship Charlotte; that the Owner of the Vessel does not Care to order his Ship into the Port while these Papers are on board, lest some Violence should be done to her; and as I have not the least Power from the Lords of his Majesty's Treasury, or any other Public Board, authorizing me to receive them, and as his Majesty's Revenue is intimately concerned in their Preservation, I thought it my Duty to give you this Information, that you might take such Measures therein as your Prudence should suggest."

I am, Sir, yours,

To JOHN PENN, Esq; JOHN HUGHES.

(No. 5.)

"A great Number of the Citizens of Philadelphia, assembled at the State-house, do demand of Mr. John Hughes, Distributor of Stamps for Pennsylvania, that he will give them Assurance under his Hand, that he will not execute that Office, and expect that he will give them a fair candid and direct Answer by Monday next, 10 o'Clock, when he will be waited on for that Purpose."

Saturday, October 5, 1765.

(No. 6.) Philadelphia, Monday Morning, October 7th, 1765.

"Whereas I was applied to on Saturday last, about Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, by the following Gentlemen, viz. James Tilghman, Esq; Attorney at Law, Messrs. Robert Morris, Charles Thompson, Archibald McCall, John Cox, and William Richards, Merchants, Mr. William Bradford, Printer, who assured me they were sent by a great Number of People then assembled at the State-house, in order to request me to resign the Stamp Office; and, after some Conversation on the Subject, Mr. Robert Morris, and some others, declared, that it was not expected nor desired that my Resignation should be any other than, the not accepting the Office, and declining every Step or Measure that should tend to put the late Stamp-Act into Execution, until his Majesty's further Pleasure should be known, or until the Act should be generally carried into Execution in the Neighbouring Colonies; and if that should happen, I was then at Liberty to do as I thought proper; and whereas, about 6 o'Clock the same Evening, a Paper was sent me by some of the same Gentlemen, in Behalf, as I understand, of all those collected at the State-house, as aforesaid, declaring, that a great Number of the Citizens of Philadelphia, assembled at the State-house, do demand of Mr. John Hughes, Distributor of Stamps for Pennsylvania, that he will give them Assurance, under his Hand, that he will not execute that Office, and expect that he will give them a fair, candid, and direct Answer by Monday next, at Ten o'Clock, when he will be waited on for that Purpose."

Saturday, October 5th, 1765.

"I do therefore return for Answer, to those Gentlemen, and all their Associates, that I have not hitherto taken any Step tending to put the late Act of Parliament in Execution in this Province, and that I will not, either by Myself or Deputies, do any Act or Thing that shall have the least Tendency to put the said Act into Execution in this Province, until his Majesty's future Pleasure shall be known, or until the said Act shall be put into Execution in the Neighbouring Colonies; and this I am determined to abide by, unless either the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, shall call upon me to execute the said Act.

"And whereas my Commission includes the Three Counties of New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex, upon Delaware, I do therefore hereby voluntarily inform the good People of these Counties, that no Act of mine shall, either directly or indirectly, involve them into any Difficulties with respect to the Stamp-Act, before the same shall take Place in the

Neighbouring Colonies, or until his Majesty's future Pleasure shall be known, or until the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, of those Counties, shall call upon me as aforesaid to execute the said Act."

(Copy.)

(No. 7.) Philad. Monday Morning, 7th Oct. 1765.

"Whereas about 6 o'Clock on Saturday Evening last, a Paper was sent to me, expressing that a great Number of the Citizens of Philadelphia, &c. [This Paper of Resignation was published verbatim, in the Pennsylvania Gazette, and Journal, of the 10th of October last; and in the Supplement to the Maryland Gazette, of the 17th of same Month.]

(No. 8.) Philad. Tuesday Morning, Oct. 8th, 1765.

SIR,

"I make no Doubt but you have heard that a great Number of People were collected at the State-House, on Saturday last, by causing muffled Drums to beat through the Streets of the City, and by ringing the State-house Bell muffled, and by directing all Enquirers to repair to the State-house for Information, and that after the People were collected, a Deputation was sent to me, demanding my Resignation of the Office of Chief Distributor of Stamps for this Province; and I am well informed, that great Numbers of the Ringleaders and Promoters of this Meeting, declared and vowed Destruction to my Person and Property, if I refused to gratify them in their Demands.

My Resignation is accordingly made, and I beg you will be so kind as inform me where the Stamps are deposited, that I may, by this Day's Post, inform the Lords of the Treasury, what Situation they are in; this you must know is my Duty to do, as the Stamps were configned to me by their Lordships, and I have the Bill of Lading. But, as I am confined to my Bed, and also restrained by the People from executing my Office, it is not in my Power to know what is to be done in the Premises, I therefore pray your Answer by the Bearer, my Son, which will oblige, Sir,

Your humble Servant,

JOHN HUGHES.

To the Hon. John Penn, Esq;

The Governor returned the following verbal Answer,

"Let Mr. Hughes know that the Stamps are on board the Man of War."

[Another Letter from this same GREAT JOHN HUGHES, together with some Pieces referred to by him, &c. we are obliged to postpone till next Week.]

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 11.

LAST Tuesday Died at his Plantation in Queen-Anne's County, Col. RICHARD TILGHMAN, the eldest Brother of a very respectable Family; for many Years Clerk of that County, and one of the Judges of the Provincial Court: A Gentleman deservedly rever'd and respected; and whose Character as a kind and good Husband, Parent, Master, and Neighbour, was excell'd by few.

The same Day Died at his Plantation in Talbot County, Mr. JACOB HINDMAN, another worthy honest Gentleman, formerly a Representative for his County, and in other public Stations.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to grant a Reprieve for Henry Gregory, sentenced to Death for Burglary last Provincial Court.

At the Assizes in Baltimore County last Week, a Man was convicted of Horse-stealing, and received Sentence of Death.

Some very remarkable Causes, about 20, have been determined this Week, at our Assize Court. The Actions were brought by some Seamen, against the Master of a Guinea Ship, for Ill-usage, and Wages; and the Sailors got so much the Weather-gage of their Captain, and lay so far to windward of him, that they run him down, by Recovering very considerable Damages, their Wages, and Costs of Suit, which amount to many Guineas; the Actions being first brought in the County Court, from thence remov'd to the Provincial, and from thence to the Assizes. [This was a GUINEA VOYAGE indeed.]

JUST PUBLISHED,

To be SOLD at the PRINTING-OFFICE,
(Price Five-Shillings.)

THE VOTES and PROCEEDINGS of the last SESSION of ASSEMBLY of this Province. To which is added, the Proceedings of the CONGRESS at New-York; and the Clerk of the Council's CLAIM for Ten Years past.

ANNAPOLIS, August 9, 1766.

THE COMMISSIONERS appointed by LORD BALTIMORE, give Notice, That on Friday the 10th Day of September next, they will meet at Mrs. Flowers's Ordinary, near St. Luke's Church, in order to sell his Lordship's Manor in Queen-Anne's County. The Authority of the Commissioners, and the Terms of Sale, may be known by applying to the Subscriber.

Signed per Order,

JOHN CLAPHAM.

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 11, 1766.

THE Commissioners appointed by Lord BALTIMORE, give Notice, That on Wednesday the 22^d of October next, being the 2^d Day of the Provincial Court, they will meet at the Subscriber's House, in order to sell his Lordship's Manor of Collington, lying in Prince-George's County. The Authority of the Commissioners, and the Terms of Sale, may be known by applying to

JOHN CLAPHAM.

ANNAPOLIS, September 9, 1766.

To be SOLD by the SUBSCRIBER, at his House next Door to Mrs. Wilkins's,

CHOICE BOHEA TEA, at 7/6 per Pound by the Dozen, or 8s. the single Pound.

THOMAS B. HODGKIN.

THE Subscriber, having just supplied himself with a new and fresh Assortment of SADDLERY GOODS, hereby acquaints the Public, That he still continues to carry on the SADDLERY BUSINESS in all its Branches, at the House where Cornelius Garretson formerly lived, almost opposite to John Ball's, in Annapolis, where all his good old Customers, and Others, may depend on being supplied with any Articles in his Way, as cheap, if not cheaper, than can be imported, or had any where on the Continent: Those who please to indulge him with their Custom, may depend on being served with Care and Dispatch, by Their most humble Servant,

HENRY CATON.

He hopes those Gentlemen whose Accounts are above one Year standing, will assist him with their Balances, to enable him to carry on his Business.

TO BE SOLD,

THE following Plantations, &c. viz. Cubb Hills, lying on the Great Falls of Gunpowder, containing about 900 Acres.

Tibbi's United Inheritance, lying on Middle River, containing 640 Acres.

The above Lands are well adapted either to the Planting or Farming Business. There is on both the Plantations, a Dwelling, and other convenient Houses, with Orchards, &c. and plenty of Timber; and on the former two or three Streams fit for Mills.

About 90 Acres of Land, lying at the Point in Baltimore.

Also, Three Houses and Lots in Baltimore-Town, all in good Repair, one of which is a noted Tavern, and now kept by Mr. Henry James.

Any Person inclinable to purchase, may know the Particulars, by applying to the Subscriber, living near the Premises, in Baltimore County.

(6th)

THOMAS SLIGH.

Baltimore-Town, September 1, 1766.

HEREBY give Notice to all my Creditors, That I intend to apply to the next General Assembly, for an Act to be passed in my Favour, that on giving up all the Estate which I have in the World, to the Use of my Creditors, I may be relieved from Prison.

WILLIAM AIKEW.

To be SOLD at the Highest BIDDER, and to be Entered on the 1st of November next ensuing, on the Premises, by the Subscriber, for Sterling Money, or good London Bills of Exchange, on Monday the 22^d of this Instant.

ABOUT 150 Acres of choice LAND for a Farmer or Planter, lying in Prince-George's County, three Miles above Queen-Anne, adjoining Patuxent River, has 10 or 12 Acres of Meadow Ground, Part of which is Down in Timothy Grass, and the Rest chiefly cleared; the greatest Part of the Land under good Fence, and improv'd with a good Dwelling-House, with 3 Rooms and a Passage on the first Floor, with two Fire-Places; and 3 Rooms with one Fire-Place on the upper Floor; likewise a good Cellar beneath the House, that is well Wall'd in with Stone; also a Stone Kitchen and paled Garden, a good Well of Water, that is Wall'd from Bottom to Top with Stone, a Barn and Hen-House under one Roof, two Tobacco-Houses, a Negro Quarter, Meat-House, Hen-House, good Apple and Peach Orchards, and many other Conveniences too tedious to mention.

Any Gentlemen that have a Desire to purchase, may be acquainted with the Title, and Situation of the Land, by applying to

THOMAS BOYD.

Patuxent Iron-Works, Sept. 5, 1766.

To be LEASED for FIVE or SIX YEARS,

THE Plantation whereon Henry Wright Crabb, Deceased, lately liv'd. It lies in Frederick County, about 12 or 14 Miles from George-Town. It has a very good Dwelling-House on it, with Three Rooms on the Lower Floor, and Three Above, together with a very good Kitchen, and all other Out-Houses, a Paled Garden and Yards; very fine Apple, Peach, and Cherry Orchards, and a large Timothy Grass Meadow. The Plantation is all in very good Repair, and is an exceeding fine one, either for Farming or Planting. Any Person inclinable to take a Lease of the same, may know the Terms by applying to

(1st) THO^s. SAM^l. and JOHN SNOWDEN.

VIRGINIA, August 13, 1766.

RAN away from the Neabsco Furnace, on or about the 25th of July last, a Convict Servant, named Arundale Carnes, the Property of the Hon. John Tayloe, Esq; and was imported into this Country, last April, in the Tryall, from London. He is a Lad about 17 Years of Age, 5 Feet, 6 Inches high, very slim made, smooth faced, wears his own brown Hair, tied behind, and very short on the Forehead, has grey Eyes, and very large dark Eye-brows; had on, or with him, when he went away, a new blue Fearnought Pea-Jacket, an Osnabrig, and strip'd Cotton Shirt, Osnabrig Sailor's Trowsers, a large half worn Castor Hat, a Pair of Country-made Shoes, large yellow Buckles, and, if dress'd, would make a genteel enough Appearance. Though he pretends to be somewhat of a Doctor, besides knowing how to wait on a Gentleman, yet it is more than presumable he will endeavour to pass as a Sailor, and get on board some Ship or Vessel, which all Masters of such are hereby forewarned, at their Peril, from indulging him in. He went from hence in a large Canoe, and would probably make for the Maryland Shore. Whoever apprehends the said Servant, and brings him to the Neabsco Furnace, shall receive, if taken in this Colony, Forty Shillings, if in any other Province, Four Pistoles Reward, besides what the Law allows.

(4th)

THOMAS LAWSON.

THERE is at the Plantation of Jane Hungerford, in Charles County, taken up as a Stray, by Robert Warren, a SORREL MAYOR, about 13 Hands high, has a small Blaze in her Face, her two hind Feet white, shod before, has a small Piece cut from the under Part of her left Ear, and branded on the near Buttock thus, U.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of the late Joseph Harris, on Patuxent, in Prince-George's County, now in Possession of John Dorsett, and came there about 15 Months ago, Two STEERS, about 6 or 7 Years old; one is a Brindle Py'd, the other of a blackish brown Colour. Their Ear Marks are unknown.

The Owner may have them again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Baltimore-Town, Sept. 1, 1766.

RAN away from the Ship Baltimore, in Patuxent River, William Hamilton Master, the Three following Sailors, viz.

Alexander Taylor, born in Scotland, but says he served his Apprenticeship in Norfolk, Virginia; about 30 Years of Age, Five Feet Five Inches high, much Pitted with the Small Pox; has very sore Eyes, and much given to Swearing and Drinking, of a swarthy Complexion, and a diminutive Appearance.

Andrew Burt, a Scotsman, about 5 Feet 7 Inches high, about 24 Years of Age, a likely fresh complexion'd young Fellow.

Thomas Snell, a North-Country Englishman, and speaks in that Dialect, as if his Mouth was full, of a brown Complexion, and about 22 Years of Age.

Whoever secures the said Seamen, and sends them on board the said Ship, in Patuxent River, shall receive One Pistole Reward for Taylor, and Two Pistoles for each of the other Two, from

WILLIAM HAMILTON.

N. B. It is suppos'd they were decoyed away, and went with a Ship that lately failed from this River to complete her Loading in Patuxent. They all Three wore either Caps or Wigs.

August 13, 1766.

RAN away from the Subscriber, at Lynn's Creek in Anne-Arundel County, a spare Negro Lad named Sam, about 18 or 19 Years of Age, with scaley Hands and Feet: Had on, a Fearnought Jacket, new Osnabrig Shirt, new Roll Trowsers, and a new Felt Hat.

Whoever secures him so as his Master may get him again, shall have Forty Shillings Reward; and Three Pounds if brought home, paid by

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WILLIAM CRANDAL.

N. B. It is imagined he has stole, since the above Date, the following Things, viz. 1 striped Shirt, 1 Check Ditto, 1 blue Sailor's Jacket, lined with white Flannel, with Horn Buttons, 1 Pair of black Hose, 1 Cotton Handkerchief, and 1 Silk Ditto.

COMMITTED on the 4th Instant to Calvert County Jail, as a Runaway, one John Crawford, born in Ireland, says he is a Shoemaker, and belongs to Henry Osburn of Philadelphia.

His Master is desired to take him away, and pay Charges.

(16th)

JOSEPH VANSWARINGEN, Jailer.

STOLEN out of the Subscriber's Pocket, at the House of Thomas Trueman, in Benedict-Town, a middle siz'd SILVER WATCH, made by Samuel Broughton, Liverpool, N^o. 1915, with a Steel Chain, with only Part of the Key belonging thereto, made of Brads. There were Three other Keys at the Chain, the Two smallest of which belong to Saddle-bag Locks.

Whoever brings the said Watch, or gives Notice, so that the Subscriber, living at Wells's Ferry, Prince-George's County, may get her again, shall receive Two Pistoles Reward, from

(6th)

WILLIAM WILSON.

MARYLAND, September 1, 1766.

THE Subscribers are authorized to receive all Debts due to the Estate of the late Mr. John Philpot, of LONDON, Merchant, and take this Method to inform all those who are Indebted to the said Estate, that immediate Payment is expected.

CHARLES DIGGES,
FRANK LEEKE.

N. B. Mr. Digges intends for England the last of this Month, and will give constant Attendance in Upper-Marlborough, from the 15th to the 25th Instant, to settle with all with whom he has had Dealings, as well as to receive any Payments his Customers may please to make him.

WANTED in Prince-George's County School, A MASTER. Any Person qualified, may meet with the Visitors at the said School, the First of October next.

Signed per Order,

JAMES BECK, Register.

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August 24, 1766.

COMMITTED to Calvert County Jail, as a Runaway, a Negro Man, who calls himself Esquire Benjamin, says he was born in Maryland, near Annapolis, the proper Slave of Mr. John Haile, who moved to Carolina, and there let him free. He is branded on the right Cheek P; and on the Left S, and he appears to be about 40 Years of Age. His Master is desired to take him away, and pay Charges.

(6th)

JOSEPH VANSWARINGEN, Jailer.

Upper-Marlborough, August 26, 1766.

THE Subscriber intending for England next Month, desires all those who are Indebted to him, to pay off their Accounts immediately; and those to whom he is Indebted, to send in their respective Accounts.

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JOHN WELDON.

TO BE SOLD,

A WELL Improved LOT in the Town of Leesburg, Loudoun County, Virginia, with all Conveniences for keeping a good Tavern, with about 5 Acres of extraordinary good Meadow, adjoining the said Town. Also, another Lot in the said Town, with a good Dwelling-House, two Rooms, and two Brick Chimnies, Cellar, and good Stable, in a very convenient Part of the Town, and suitable for a Store. Also, a Tract of Land, commonly called *Locust Thicket*, containing 429 Acres, lying within 4 Miles of the said Town, on the Road that leads from Pennsylvania to Carolina, has on it a good new Dwelling-House, with two Rooms on a Floor, a Stone Chimney with two Fire Places, a Cellar, well walled, the Bigness of the House, a good Logg'd Kitchen, with a Stone Chimney and Oven, a new Logg'd Barn 24 by 54, with a Threshing Floor in the Middle 24 Feet Square, a Corn-House, Meat-House, Dairy, and Hen-House, all built last Year, there is about eight Acres of Meadow mowed this Year, and suitable Land for making much more, about 70 Acres of Land cleared, and under good Fence, the oldest of which has not been cleared above 4 Years. Also, one other Tract of Land, lying on *Goose-Creek*, in the same County, containing about 300 Acres, well Watered and Timbered, unimproved. The Titles can be shown, and the Terms of Sale known, by applying to the Subscriber, living on the said Tract of Land, called *Locust Thicket*. CRAVEN PEYTON.

N. B. The said Lot, whereon the Tavern stands, was formerly sold to Mr. John Wilkinson, but he not complying with his Agreement, the Bonds are cancelled.

RAN away from the Subscriber, near Annapolis, a Convict Servant Man, named JOHN STILLING, a slim made Fellow, about Five Feet Six or Seven Inches high; he is of a fair Complexion, short brown Hair, is pitted with the Small Pox; his Apparel is very remarkable, a Fearnought Jacket, Two Quarters grey, and Two blue, with Leather Buttons, Osnabrig Shirt, and Crocus Trowlers; has neither Hat, Shoes, or Stockings. Whoever takes up and secures the said Servant, so that his Master shall get him again, shall have a Reward of Twenty Shillings, and reasonable Charges, paid by

THOMAS RUTLAND.

Dorchester County, Vienna, August 16, 1766.

TO BE SOLD,

THE Schooner *Vigilance*, about forty Tons Burthen, one Year old, well Fitted, and a prime Sailer.

Fifty Acres of Land, Part of a Tract called *Werwork*; and Fifty Acres of Land, Part of a Tract called *Addition to Werwork*, both lying within Two Miles and a Half of the Town of Vienna, these Two Parcels of Land is chiefly Wood-Land, well Timbered, and contains some good Meadow Ground. Also a Tract of Proprietary LAND, (being Part of his Lordship's Manor of Nanticoke,) called *Wheeler's Lot*, containing 207 Acres, under a Lease of 21 Years, 16 Years to commence from the 17th of next April; Part of this Tract lieth within the Town of Vienna, whereon is a Dwelling-House, lately built 30 Feet by 20, with a Shed 14 Feet on one Side, which forms 3 Rooms on a Floor, and 3 Fire Places, also some Out-Houses and a Garden, about 80 Acres under a good new Fence, and about 30 Acres cleared, some of which may easily be improved into good Meadow, is well situate either for a Store or Tavern. For Terms apply to the Subscriber on the Premises.

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JOHN WHEELER.

IF a certain JOHN ROSE, who sometime ago lived with Mr. John Semple, will apply to Charles Digges in Upper-Marlborough, he will hear of something much to his Advantage.

RAN away from the Subscribers, of Prince George's County, on the 2^d Instant, a Convict Servant Man, named John Evans (alias Harris), by Trade a Taylor, about 5 Feet 7 Inches high, well made, has an Impediment in his Speech, a round smooth Face, down Look, short black Hair, and a thin black Beard. Had on, and carried with him, an old light coloured Sagathy Coat, white Linen Waistcoat without Sleeves, a Pair of light Cloth Breeches, and a Pair of Linen Ditto, two old white Shirts, a Pair of brown Thread Stockings, a Pair of Cotton Ditto, and a Pair of Shoes.

Whoever secures the said Servant, so that the Subscribers may get him again, shall receive Forty Shillings Reward, beside what the Law allows, and reasonable Charges if brought home, paid by

BASIL WARING,
JOHN WARING.(1^f)

COMMITTED as a Runaway, to the Jail of Alexandria, in Fairfax County, Virginia, a likely young Negro Man, who calls himself by the Name of James Mitchell, says that he is a Convict, and that he belongs to Mr. Abraham Ayres, in Kent County, Maryland.

His Master is desired to come and pay the Prison Charges, and take him away.

Aug. 9, 1766.

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August 16, 1766.

A GOOD FORGE-CARPENTER, and a Good WORKMEN, who will undertake the Management of One FINERY FIRE, to Work Double-Handed, will meet with Good Encouragement, if they apply to the Subscriber at Frederick Forge, on the Mouth of Anti-Etam.

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SAMUEL BEALL, JUNR.

August 9, 1766.

SIX POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away last Night, from the Patapsco Furnace, near Elk-Ridge Landing, two English Convict Servant Men, viz.

William Lewis, aged about 27 Years, about 5 Feet 7 Inches high, spare made, of a fair Complexion, thin Visage, light brown Hair, and grey Eyes; he has been under a Doctor for some Time, with a sore Leg, which causes him to go lame. Had with him, an old Felt Hat, Osnabrigs Shirt, Matchcoat Jacket, Rolls Trowlers, and Country made Shoes.

John Wright, aged about 25 Years, about 5 Feet 5 Inches high, a bluff faced Fellow, of a fair Complexion, light brown Hair, grey Eyes, and is much Pock-mark'd, has a swelling in his right Knee, which causes him to go lame. Had with him, a new Felt Hat, Osnabrigs Shirt, a grey Fearnought Jacket, and a blue Cloth under Ditto, Rolls Trowlers, and Country made Shoes.

Whoever takes up and secures the said Servants, so as they may be had again, shall receive for each, if taken 10 Miles from home, Twenty Shillings; if 20 Miles, Thirty Shillings; and if out of the Province, Three Pounds, and reasonable Charges if brought home to the Furnace, of Thomas Harrison, and Company.

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per JAMES WALKER.

August 16, 1766.

WHEREAS I have good Room to suspect, that some Villainous Person or Persons, wilfully Burnt a Tobacco-House of mine, on the Evening of the 14th Instant. I hereby promise a Reward of FIFTY DOLLARS, to any Person who shall or may discover the Person or Persons that perpetrated the same, so that they may be convicted thereof and brought to Justice.

RICHARD HARWOOD, JUNR.

N. B. His Excellency the Governor being now absent from Town, prevents my Application to him for a Pardon for any one who shall turn Evidence (the Principal excepted) but I shall apply for the same as soon as he returns, and doubt not of Success.

R. H.

Just Imported from Barbados, and to be Sold by the Subscriber, at the House of Capt. James Reith in Annapolis,

CHOICE CANE SPIRIT by the Hoghead or Keg, RUM by the Hoghead, Mulberry UGAR, and LIMES, by the Barrel, and Tamarins by the Pot, at the most reasonable Rates.

RICHARD BUTTOR.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living near Patapsco Ferry, on the 3^d of August last, two Convict Servant Men, viz.

Edward Jenkins, a short well-set Fellow, about 5 Feet 4 or 5 Inches high, wears his own short brown Hair, and has a remarkable wide Mouth: Had on and took with him, a good Hat, with a white Metal Button to it, two Check Shirts much wore, one Osnabrig ditto, a striped Flannel lapel'd Jacket, lined with white, Leather Breeches, Crocus Trowlers, Osnabrig Petticoat ditto, three Pair of Yarn or Worsted Hose, some of them ribb'd, and Country made Pumps. As he has been in the Country before, it's probable he will give a good Account of himself, and pass for a Sailor, as he may dress in a Sailor's Habit.

Richard Harbett, a young Fellow, about 20 or 21 Years of Age, smooth Face, and wears his own Hair: Had on and took with him, an old Felt Hat, red Kersey Jacket, old white Shirt, two Osnabrig ditto, short Russia Drab Breeches, Crocus Trowlers, and no Shoes that are known of.

Whoever takes up the said Servants so that their Master may get them again, shall have a Reward of Four Pounds for Jenkins, if taken Twenty Miles from Home, and if taken from on board of any Vessel, outward Bound, Six Pounds, and reasonable Charges if brought Home: And for the other Forty Shillings, paid by

JOSEPH JACOB.

ANNAPOLIS, August 6, 1766.

THE little Regard which has been paid to the Subscriber's Advertisement heretofore published, requesting all Persons, without Exception, who were indebted for Dealings in his Store before Mr. Clarke's Death, or on any other Account, to pay off, or otherwise finally settle their respective Balances, induces him ONCE MORE to acquaint them, that his determin'd Resolution is, soon to depart hence for England, and that every Person neglecting to pay off, or by delay refusing to settle their Accounts to his Satisfaction, may depend, very shortly, upon being Sued without Distinction, as it is his Intention, absolutely to settle every Matter respecting his Property before his Departure, the Time of which will not admit of any further Requisition, so that this must be deemed a legal Demand, preceding Actions being commenced without further Notice by

CHARLES WALLACE.

N. B. He has a few Remnants of a Cargo still to dispose of, which he will sell very Cheap for ready Money: And a Brigantine to Charter, of 160 Tons Burthen, well found, and Strong, with good Accommodations for Passengers. C. W.

Annapolis, June 26, 1766.

RAN away from the Subscriber, about a Fortnight ago, a Convict Servant Man, named John Morgan, by Trade a Shoemaker, and pretends to be a Gardener, about 30 Years of Age, 5 Feet 10 Inches high, of a fresh Complexion, short Hair, and one of his Eyes has been lately Hurt by a piece of Mortar falling into it: Had on when he went away, a grey Cloth Coat, and Plush Breeches: He has been seen on Elk-Ridge.

Whoever secures the said Servant, so that the Subscriber may have him again, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward.

WILLIAM PACA.

WANTED for the Free-School, in the City of Annapolis, an USHER, capable of Teaching the English Language, WRITING, SURVEYING, and ARITHMETICK, &c. Any Person qualified for the above Purposes, and that will come well Recommended for his Care, and Diligence, may know the Terms, on Application to

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JOHN DAVIDSON, Register.

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